

House Resolution 1567

By: Representative Burkhalter of the 50<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Richard A. Anderson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard A. Anderson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
3 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
6 talents, and energy to the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) as executive  
7 director since March, 2008; and

8 WHEREAS, under Mr. Anderson's leadership GRTA's Express service has seen a 50 percent  
9 increase in ridership, and he has been asked by Governor Sonny Perdue to lead an effort to  
10 create a strategic transportation plan for the State of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson earned a magna cum laude bachelor's degree in marketing and  
12 a master's degree in business administration from Murray State University; and

13 WHEREAS, he had a long and distinguished career in the telecommunications industry  
14 before joining the GRTA team, starting a career with BellSouth in 1981 as an account  
15 executive and rising through the ranks to become vice chairman of planning and  
16 administration and president of global business services after the company merged with  
17 AT&T; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson began his career as a public servant in 2007 as chairman of the  
19 Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and led the organization in representing over 4,000  
20 companies with more than 700,000 employees; and

21 WHEREAS, as chamber chairman, Mr. Anderson was responsible for helping the chamber  
22 make incredible policy decisions which shaped the entire state and he proposed action on  
23 crises ranging from transportation funding to water issues; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades during  
25 his prestigious career, including being named one of the 100 most influential Atlantans by  
26 the *Business Chronicle*; and

27 WHEREAS, an active community leader, Mr. Anderson serves on several boards including  
28 the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Clark Atlanta  
29 University, Camp Twin Lakes, Kennesaw State University, Murray State University, and  
30 MARTA; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson, his wife Maureen, and their three children, David, Lucy, and  
32 Mac, live in Roswell, Georgia; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
34 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body that the members of this body commend Mr. Richard A. Anderson  
37 on his incredible career and thank him for the selfless service he provides the Georgia  
38 Regional Transportation Authority as executive director.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Richard A. Anderson.